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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US MERCHANT VESSEL BY CAMBODIAN FORCES

REF: STATE 113030

1. POL COUNSELOR PRESENTED US POSITION ON INCIDENT PER REFTTEL IN MAY 15 CALL ON OFFICE FOR NORTH AMERICA DEPUTY GRUBOR. MAY 16 GRUBOR CALLED POLCOUNSELOR TO RESPOND OFFICIALLY.

2. GRUBOR STRESSED THAT IT IS GOY ASSUMPTION WE HAD PRESENTED THEM OUR VIEWS ON INCIDENT AS ONE FRIENDLY COUNTRY INFORMING ANOTHER, AND SAID IN SAME SPIRIT OF OPEN EXCHANGE GOY WISHED TO GIVE US ITS VIEW. GOY DOES NOT AGREE WITH US ACTION BECAUSE IT DISAGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH USE OF VIOLENCE, AND BELIEVES PROBLEM COULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED WITHOUT USE OF FORCE THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC MEANS.

3. GRUBOR SAID GOY WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY US ACTION BECAUSE IT WAS AGAINST A SMALL, NONALIGNED COUNTRY.

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4. POLCOUNSELOR REFUTED POINTS IN ORDER THEY HAD BEEN

MADE, STRESSING THAT INCIDENT WOULD NOT HAVE ARISEN HAD
CAMBODIANS NOT TAKEN THE INITIAL ILLEGAL AND VIOLENT
STEP, ADDING THAT SIZE AND ALIGNMENT OF COUNTRY WERE
IRRELEVANT TO ISSUE AT HAND.

5. EXCHANGE THROUGHOUT WAS AMICABLE, AND IT WAS QUITE
CLEAR GRUBOR WAS RESPONDING FOR THE RECORD BUT UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAY IT LOW-KEY AS AN EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION ON POSITIONS.
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